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to those members of the Legislature who feel similarly to you and I understand your objection there and what I properly should have done is informed all the Senators prior to us going to their staff and that is my fault for not having done that and I was remiss and I do apologize to the other Senators, with the exclusion of you, for not having done that but it was not intentional. It was a misstep on my part and the Senators certainly should have understood what we were doing prior to us going out and doing it.

PRESIDENT: Does Senator Duis want to apologize to Senator Mahoney for rejecting his apology.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. Chairman, I think probably we have apologized so much until we have got ourselves out of the system. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: I think so. I will recognize Senator Simpson for any purpose other than an apology.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Well, I wanted to accept Senator Cavanaugh's apology because I think we have it coming and I did get a notice in my office that my secretary brought in and here's one of these sheets that drives me up a wall and then said, all right, now what's going on and nobody knows and so we start in again and we've gone through a portion of a session already and everytime I turn around I hear remarks and they keep coming to me that somebody is getting too much money, somebody is getting too little money on the staff. We've got too many. We've got too few and we are going to cut these down. We are going to raise those. We are going to fire some of these and we are going to hire some more of these and I wish that we could get just get away from this. We've set a policy at the start. We agreed to it on this floor. Why don't we forget about it. Now if we don't have an accounting system in the Legislature that knows how many employees we have and if they can't find out what the duties are of these people, then we are in real trouble and we had better start over from the base. Otherwise, forget this foolishness. Let's leave the staff alone so they can worry about their work and not whether they are going to be paid, how much, or what their added or reduced duties are going to be and let's go on with our business once.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, I suppose I should have one of the says and to defend the subcommittee. On past Executive Boards, we have had many little committees that go out and study this personnel situation but it was always in those past committees we set them up. We did many things, talk about it during the summers but a committee never did come back with a report and so we have a very vigilant Executive Board this time. It is youthful with Senators Kelly, Senator Cavanaugh, Senator Schmit and I believe Senator Barnett is part of that committee and he is youthful, too, and they decided that they did not to wait a full six months before they brought this back and so they really got busy and they begin to send out questionnaire and I would want to just say this that I think that they have done their job well in the fact that they needed to come back to show specifically what these duties are, Senator Simpson, and I know what you are trying to relate to us and also Senator Duis and you have valid points but it is definitely--if you